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SETTING UP OF A AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE TRAINING SCHOOL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Tsunami relief operations underlined the need for quick and joint action between the Armed Forces and for forging the spirit of coordination among the armed forces;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering any proposal to set up a new Amphibious Warfare Training School for forging closer ties among the Army, Navy and Air Force in training and operations;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the same is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): In November, 2001 Government set up Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff to bring about synergy and jointness among the three Services. The Tsunami relief operations were effectively and jointly executed by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard in close coordination through Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) operating in the Ministry of Defence. The operations by the Armed Forces won national and international acclaim.

(c) to (e): There is no proposal for setting up of a new Amphibious Warfare Training School. However, there is a 'Joint Amphibious Warfare Cell' at HQ IDS for amphibious warfare related training and inter-services operations.